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SUBJECT: CALL BY THE AMBASSADOR FROM PAKISTAN

PAKISTAN'S AMB. ALVIE CAME FOR A RETURN COURTESY CALL. HE FEELS THAT THE RECENT NPC HAD NO REAL SURPRISES. HE SEES THE US-PRC RELATIONSHIP IN REASONABLY GOOD SHAPE, REITERATING THE VIEW I HEARD IN ISLAMABAD THAT THE PRC FELT THERE WAS TIME FOR WORKING OUT THE TAIWAN QUESTION. ALVIE DID VOLUNTEER THAT HE THOUGHT PRC WOULD ACCEPT A SIMPLE SHIFT OF LIAISON OFFICE STATUS ON TAIWAN AND EMBASSY STATUS IN PRC. ALVIE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS HIS OWN OPINION BUT HE FELT IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO PRC AS A STEP TOWARDS NORMALIZATION. COMMENT: I DID NOT GET THE FEELING THAT ALVIE WAS CONVEYING A VIEW HE HAD HEARD FROM PRC OFFICIALS. GIVEN GOP'S SPECIAL STATUS HERE I WAS SURPRISED THAT ALVIE FELT THIS STEP WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

ALVIE DID NOT READ ANY GREAT SIGNIFICANCE INTO THE NEW ESCALATION OF THE "DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT" THEME. NOR DID HE INTERPRET MAO'S FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE NPC AS MAO'S DISSATISFACTION WITH THE PROCEEDINGS.

I ASKED ALVIE FOR HIS VIEW ON THE NEW DEFENSE MINISTRY SETUP. AGAIN, HE SAW NOTHING DRAMATIC HERE. RATHER HE FELT IT WAS A CONFORMATION OF THE PARTY ASSERTING CONTROL OVER THE ARMY.

ALVIE SAYS PLANS FOR NEW GOP EMBASSY IN PEKING ARE NOW FINISHED AND CONSTRUCTION SHOULD START IN A FEW MONTHS. CONSTRUCTION
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HAS STARTED IN ISLAMABAD ON PRC EMBASSY.

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